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In re Patent Application of:
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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION CONTAINING
MODIFIED CONJUGATED DIENE-BASED
POLYMER BONDED TO FULLERENE

Examiner: R. A. Lee

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.